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### 42<sup>nd</sup> CD SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WON BY BACA. PIROZZI'S 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE FINISH IS BAD NEWS FOR GOP.

Editor's note: As **Calpeek** noted last week, for GOP attorney Elia Pirozzi to get the necessary backing and resources for the Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> runoff he would have to finish in first place. He didn't. Demo State Sen. Joe Baca finished first with 11,689 (31.5%), followed by Marta Macias Brown(D) with 11,201 (30.2%) in this special to replace the late George Brown, Marta's husband. The overall turnout was just 15.6%, with 38,203 voters casting ballots. There are 1,750 uncounted ballots remaining, but Tuesday's results are expected to hold. Here's our update and analysis...

...Pirozzi, who made a big push for cross-over Demos and independents, got 10,152 votes (27.4%). He led both Baca and Brown in absentee ballots with 32.5%. If he had maintained that percentage he would have finished in first. Bottomline: although Republicans may pay lip service to pumping in the resources to help Pirozzi in the runoff, he's *political toast*, according to our sources, including GOP sources. Baca is a solid favorite to win the runoff...

...As **Calpeek** noted previously, there weren't any national political implications in this special. In other words, Demo House Leader Dick Gephardt shouldn't be giving *high 5s*. However, there are some national public policy implications – specifically gun control legislation. Had Mrs. Brown, who hit Baca for being a pro-gun Demo, won the primary, this would have sent a signal for more gun control legislation at the state and federal level. The Baca win sends mixed signals. While Baca is a pro-gun Demo, as his voting record in Sacto shows, in a national context he is not totally in sync with the NRA. Baca opposes gun bans, but generally supports handgun registration laws. It may seem picky, but it is an important distinction...

...FYI: In politics a win sometimes comes down to *luck & timing*. The Ft. Worth shooting incident the week before the special was *bad luck* for Baca and focused attention on the gun issue in the 42<sup>nd</sup> CD. Some sources think the Texas shooting caused *GOP women* to cross party lines to vote for Mrs. Brown. But CA AG Bill Lockyer(D) came to the rescue and gave Baca cover on the issue of gun show legislation, which Baca authored. Baca needed the help, because had the election been a week later, Baca might have lost. Why? Lots of negative publicity over a Baca mailer *implying* Pres. Bill Clinton had endorsed him. Our sources believe Clinton's staff was about to bash Baca, but U.S. Rep. Howard Berman(D), a Baca supporter, stepped in and saved the day. Stay tuned...

### CAMPAIGN 2000: THE BUCHANAN FACTOR IN CALIF. WILL SURFACE AT CRP CONVENTION IN ANAHEIM.

Editor's note: Republicans don't like to air their dirty laundry in public, but it seems that will be impossible as delegates to the Calif. Republican Party(CRP) gathered *after* **Calpeek's** deadline to conduct their Sept. 24-26 convention in Anaheim. Here's our analysis...

...Yes, there is internal strife within the CRP and not just from those so-called *Mainstream Republicans* who are angered because there's *no big tent*. And there are conservatives who don't like the way CRP Chair John McGraw is running the show. Some of that anger is aimed at the CRP's executive director, Jon Fleischman. And several GOP sources confirm that there is tension between McGraw and RNC Chair Jim Nicholson. Not the best of times for the CRP...

...Yet all these things are *minor* compared to the hair pulling over the political fallout once hardliner Pat Buchanan leaves the GOP on or about Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. And yes, our sources are certain Buchanan will jump ship

for the Reform Party. And that *big sucking sound*, it's coming from operatives for Texas Gov. George W. Bush who are trying to keep Buchanan from defecting. They fear a Buchanan third party run will spell doom for the GOP winning the White House in 2000...

...How worried are the Bush people? In Calif., Bush supporter/U.S. Rep. David Dreier(R) called State Sen. Richard Mountjoy(R-Arcadia), head of the Buchanan Calif. campaign, and asked him to contact Buchanan. Sources confirm Mountjoy called Buchanan, but that's all we're getting. If Buchanan left the GOP it would put Mountjoy in a tough spot. He could jump too. As for other Calif. Buchanan supporters, they're unpredictable. If Buchanan jumps, sources believe the Reform Party's voter registration base in Calif. would increase. It's now at about 88,000...

...In terms of how much support Buchanan has in Calif., two new polls (Charlton Research & the Field Poll) put Buchanan at **4%** and **3%** respectively. Not much, but enough to cause concerns. Bush is at **51%** in the Charlton survey and **49%** in Field. Steve Forbes is at **7/8** and Elizabeth Dole is at **13/8**...

...FYI: our Calif. Reform Party sources are troubled by Buchanan's stand on social issues because the RP is mostly about reforming the political/campaign process. Question: how does RP Nat'l Secretary Jim Mangia of Calif., who is *openly gay*, feel about Buchanan as the RP nominee? Stay tuned...

#### **CAMPAIGN 2000: FEINSTEIN LEADS GOP RIVALS IN NEW POLL. U.S. REP. CAMPBELL TESTING WATERS.**

Editor's note: The new Field Poll numbers for incumbent U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) shows her well in front of her two GOP rivals, State Sen. Ray Haynes of Riverside and San Diego Co. Sup. Bill Horn. But in the wings is U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R-San Jose), a moderate GOPer who could give DiFi a tough race 2000. Here's our update & analysis, with current and past polling results...

...The newest Field Poll (8/16 to 8/22 – w/501 likely voters) showed DiFi leading both Horn and Haynes in the OPEN primary: **53%** for DiFi, with **12%** each for her two GOP rivals. **23%** were undecided. At the time this survey was taken, Campbell wasn't really looking.

But we do have some Field Poll data from March of 1999, where Campbell was included, along with Horn and Haynes. This particular sample showed name ID and there's also a DiFi vs. Campbell matchup...

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| Feinstein | 94% | (60% positive vs. 34% neg) |
| Campbell  | 32% | (17% positive vs. 15% neg) |
| Horn      | 19% |                            |
| Haynes    | 16% |                            |

...In a one-on-one match with Campbell, DiFi wins by a margin of **58%** to **33%**, with **9%** undecided...

...So what made Campbell change his mind and begin exploring? Our sources say the moderate GOPer from San Jose just felt that 2000 would be a better year for Republicans than previously expected – and thus he's begun to call potential contributors to see if they would back him in a race against Feinstein. Unless Horn and Haynes decided to defer to Campbell, the GOP primary might prove bruising as well as costly. Haynes is a *hardliner* and Horn is a conservative too, although not as dogmatic as Haynes. Campbell is pro-choice, anti-gun and is the only GOPer that Calpeek is aware of who is opposed to the Knight initiative to ban gay marriages. Still, in a 3-way primary, given Campbell's experience and fundraising ability, our sources view Campbell as a *slight favorite*...

...In terms of money, Campbell is proven fundraiser and already has a war chest of about \$1 million in the bank. In the first U.S. Senate reports, DiFi showed cash-on-hand of \$1,795,305, while Haynes had \$18,713 and Horn showed COH of \$314,905. Horn has moderately *deep pockets*, but hasn't shown a willingness to pump much of his own \$\$ into the race. FYI: sources say a decision by Campbell is still several weeks away. Stay tuned...

#### **CAMPAIGN 2000: OPPONENTS OF GOP REMAPPING INITIATIVE BEGINNING TO PLAN PRIMARY ATTACK.**

Editor's note: Here's an update & analysis of the remapping initiative by U.S. Rep. Bill Thomas(R-Bakersfield) and Peoples' Advocate CEO Ted Costa...

... Thomas/Costa and 23 other CA GOP Congressmembers turned in 1.2 million signatures for their constitutional amendment to strip the Legislature (now controlled by the Demos) and Gov. Gray Davis(D) of their power to draw new Congressional and Legislature

district lines when the census is finished. Remapping would be put in the hands of the CA Supreme Court if this measure is approved by voters in March...

... The new Field Poll showed **52%** in favor vs. **27%** opposed. That's not a healthy lead – given the amount of money that Gov. Davis, the Congressional Demos (DCCC), Legislative Demos, labor and others plan to pump into the opposition campaign. And in fact Davis, Demo State Senate Leader John Burton, House Demo Leader Dick Gerhardt, CDP Chair Art Torres, Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa and others have already had informal strategy sessions...

... And selling **reapportionment** or **remapping** won't be easy for Thomas. Voters are turned off by this subject and the news media tends to fall asleep at the very mention of "reapportionment." So Thomas and Costa dressed up their measure. They've put a very sexy **legislative salary cut** over the remapping part of the initiative. If approved, the salary cut would slash current pay of \$99,000 down to \$75,000 per year. A pay cut for Calif. Legislature is an easier sell...

... HOWEVER. This Costa/Thomas plan isn't sitting well with a number of Legislative GOPers. News item: on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Congress voted final approval of giving themselves a \$4,600 pay hike. According to sources, **20 of the 24** Calif. GOP U.S. House members voted YES!!! A little hypocrisy???

... But right now the emphasis is on a legal challenge. GOP Assemblyman Brett Granlund of Yucaipa is one of those who is challenging the Costa/Thomas initiative in court. Others include Demo State Sen. Don Perata, CCPOA president Don Novey and Howard Owens of the Calif. Congress of Seniors. Attorney Lance Olson is handling the case and Burton is footing the bill...

... On Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> an appeals court in Sacto *denied* the plaintiff's petition in Granlund vs. Jones, but it doesn't mean the challenge is over. Olson can still go to the trial court. The allegation is that 400,000 of the 1.2 million petitions had a procedural defect - the petitions contained a fundraising pitch instead of the exact title & summary at the top of the page. It may be technical, but those are the rules. Stay tuned...

**CAMPAIGN 2000: UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.**

Editor's note: There are a number of new developments to report. FYI: Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> marks the opening of declaration of candidacy for all candidates...

☒ **45<sup>th</sup> CD** – Roll Call, as well as The Target Book, first reported this story about 10 days ago. Former Congressman Bob Dornan(R-Garden Grove) told the DC publication he "pretty much made the decision that I'm going to run against Rohrabacher." That's U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher(R-Huntington Beach). In the Roll Call story, B-1 Bob seemed to leave a little bit of wiggle room – just in case he has a change of heart. Rohrabacher does not seem concerned and told **Calpeek** that Dornan isn't on "his radar screen." But Rohrabacher has begun to raise a war chest - \$100,000 so far. Most GOP sources told **Calpeek** Dornan would have a very tough time against Rohrabacher. One source said Rohrabacher "would beat Dornan like a drum." This same source said, "Orange Co. voters are sick of Bob Dornan."...

☒ **36<sup>th</sup> CD** – Right now it appears that freshman U.S. Rep. Steve Kuykendall(R-Palos Verdes) has a free ride in 2000. But sources tell **Calpeek** that Demo U.S. House leader Dick Gephardt is really pushing former Congresswoman Jane Harman(D) to consider a run for her old seat...

☒ **15<sup>th</sup> CD** – What if U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R-San Jose) were to give up this seat to run for the U.S. Senate? Could the GOP hold this CD? That's a good question with no immediate answer. Best bet to run for this seat should Campbell leave would be Assemblyman Jim Cunneen, a moderate Goper who is now looking at the 11<sup>th</sup> SD of incumbent Byron Sher(D-Palo Alto). On the Demo side, Santa Clara Mayor Judy Nadler is looking, as well as businessman Bill Peacock. Sources say Peacock is a fairly recent transplant from Missouri, who ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate several years ago. So far he's put about \$250,000 of his own into this race. But if Campbell drops out, the betting is that more Demos may jump in. Names to surface include: former San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer; former Santa Clara Co. Sup. Dianne McKenna; former Sunnyvale Councilwoman Robin Parker; and Demo Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist. Stay tuned...



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**CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.**

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting...

■ **CA Open Primary Law Challenged** – The CA Democratic Party, the CA Republican Party, the CA Libertarian Party and CA's Peace & Freedom Party filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn CA's Open Primary Law (Prop. 198). The brief was filed Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sources say they won't know if the high court will take the case until the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October. If the high court won't hear the case, then that's the end of the road and the law stays as is. If the court agrees to hear the case, it won't impact the Mar. 7, 2000 Calif primary...

■ **New Poll in S.F. Mayor's Race** – This new survey was published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* (sample size 600, taken Sept. 15 & 18) showed incumbent Mayor Willie Brown still holding to that 31% support level, with ex-Mayor Frank Jordan and ex-political consultant Clint Reilly at 13% each. As we reported last week, Brown is now on cable tv bashing away at Reilly...

■ **Full Metal Jacket** – A new Field Poll showed that voters are more inclined to support candidates who back stronger gun control laws. The margin was 63% vs. 27%, with 10% undecided or depends. FYI: Dateline NBC is supposed to air a segment on Calif.'s new gun control laws (w/interviews in Sacto) Oct. 1...

■ **Phone Overlay Rejected by PUC** – Folks in West L.A. and the 310 area code are thrilled that the CA PUC rejected the 424 overlay proposal for the 310 area. A very big political win for Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa(D), Assemblyman Wally Knox (D), U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman(D) and 20 homeowner and business groups who opposed the Pac Bell plan...

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**CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.**

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Theodore Bruinsma, 78, died Sept. 8 after a battle with cancer. He was the former dean of the Loyola Law School and was a former CSU trustee. R.I.P...

● Another sad note: Annett Hall, 78, former head of the L.A. chpt. of the League of Women Voters, died Sept. 16. R.I.P...

● DC-based Strategy Source has moved to 1436 "U" Street, NW, Ste. 203, Washington DC 20009. Same phone number...

● After a lot of screaming by libs, former State Sen. Marian Bergeson(R) was confirmed as a member to the State Bd. of Education...

● L.A. attorneys Cynthia McClain-Hill and Robert D. Pryce have merged their law firms into McClain-Hill Pryce LLP...

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